THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) During 2007-08, against the interest income of Rs. 21.60 crores on the corpus fund, the Foundation sanctioned grants-in-aid amounting to Rs. 6.60 crores to 51 NGOs, and scholarships amounting to Rs. 4.26 crores to 3549 girls, taking into consideration the number of applications for grants-in-aid complete in all respects and the number of applications for scholarships received.

(c) and (d) The number of pending applications for grants-in-aid as or 30/09/2007, the last date for receiving applications for 2007-08, exceeded 800. In order to clea- these pending applications for grants-in-aid, the Foundation has decided to consider applications received till 31/03/2007 by 31/10/2008.

Action plan for wind power energy

4085. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the action plan of Government to harness wind power energy in a big way, which has a good potential in the country, especially in Orissa;

(b) what is its existing generation per annum;

(c) whether Government proposes to involve private sector to give a boost to this sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) A target of 10,500 MW from wind power has been planned for Eleventh Five Year Plan Period in potential States of the country including Orissa.

(b) A total wind power capacity of 8757 MW has been installed in the country, till 31st March, 2008 and about 1500 MW wind power capacity gets added every year. Commercial wind power projects have not been set up in the State of Orissa so far.

(c) Yes, Sir. In fact the entire wind power capacity in the country has been created by the private sector barring a few demonstration projects.

(d) Of the total wind power capacity of 8757 MW Installed as on 31.03.2008 in the country, 8686 MW has been set up as commerical wind power projects with private sector investments.

Bio-fuel policy

4086. SHRIM ATI VIPLOVE THAKUR Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to bring forward a bio-fuel-policy;

(b) if so, the objectives of the said policy;

(c) whether Government has held discussions about the proposed policy with all the stake-holders;

(d) if so, the details of these stakeholders, alongwith the feedback Government has received; and

(e) by when the policy would be finalized and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) Under the Allocation of Business Rules, the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has been given responsibility for preparing the National Policy on Bio-fuels and setting up of a National Bio-fuel Development Board. The Draft Policy aims at promoting the cultivation, production and use of bio-fuels to partially replace petrol and diesel for transport, stationary and portable applications with the objective of contributing to energy security, environmental protection and mitigaffon of climate change.

(c) to (e) The draft National Policy on Bio-fuels was finalized after incorporating the feedback/suggestions and discussions with concerned Central Ministries/Departments and State Government Departments and Agencies. The Draft Policy has been referred by the Union Cabinet for consideration by a Group of Ministers.

Power Generation by Non-conventional energy resources

†4087. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of power generated by non-conventional energy resources in the States, as on date;

(b) the total number of various types of non-conventional energy projects started and the amount spent thereon, project-wise; and

(c) the financial assistance provided to various States to promote non-conventional energy resources during the last three years, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) Grid-interactive renewable power generations capacity of around 12,403 MW has been installed in various States/UTs of the country as on 31.03.2008.

(b) These projects have been set up with mostly private investment. The estimated total investment on these projects over the last 20 years is estimated at Rs. 50,000 crore. Sector-wise details of the total number of projects along with the amount of subsidy provided are given in the Statement—I *(See* below).

(c) State-wise details of the financial assistance provided for promotion of various renewable energy programme during the last three years, *i.e.* 2005-2006,2006-07 and 2007-08 are given in the Statement—II.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.